

The Cognition, Culture, and Development Lab (PI: [Cristine Legare](#)) at The University of Texas at Austin invites applications for three NSF-funded Postdoctoral Research Fellowships. The objective of this cross-cultural research project is to study the psychological processes that allow us to learn, create, and transmit culture.



Continuity and variation in child development within and across populations will be documented and explained. Multiple methods—observation, interviews, and experiments—will be used to examine the psychological foundations of cultural transmission practices (teaching) and acquisition strategies (social learning) across cultures (U.S., Northern Australia, Cameroon, Namibia, Vanuatu, and Fiji). This project partners five developmental psychologists, two evolutionary anthropologists, and an economic psychologist. Postdoctoral fellows will conduct international fieldwork on social learning and cultural transmission. These positions entail taking a leadership role in supervising and conducting international research. The project involves extensive collaboration with partners at University of Queensland (Mark Nielsen), Leipzig University (Daniel Haun), University of Münster (Joscha Kärtner), Harvard University (Paul Harris and Joe Henrich), Simon Fraser University (Michelle Kline), and the London School of Economics (Michael Muthukrishna). The successful candidates must be committed to team-based science and will receive substantive career mentoring and opportunities for independent research and professional development. Responsibilities include: Facilitating relationships with international collaborators and fieldsite supervisors, schools, families, and community organizations; conducting and supervising research and data collection with children and adults in the lab, school, and community; qualitative and quantitative data analyses; supervision of a research team; co-writing reports for funding agencies; presentations at conferences and workshops; authorship (under PI guidance) of publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Job requirements: A Ph.D. in psychology, anthropology, education, human development, or cognitive science. Strong background in biological science and evolutionary theory strongly preferred. Expertise in experimental design and observational research methods required. Excellent quantitative and qualitative data analytic skills required. Demonstrated capacity for independent, creative scholarship and strong writing skills, evidence of productivity in peer-reviewed journals. Prior experience conducting cross-cultural research with children and adults strongly preferred. These positions require a 2-year commitment with the potential for third year support. UT Austin Postdoctoral Fellows are evaluated each year for renewal.

Applications: Review of applications will begin November 1st, 2017. Please email in one PDF document: a cover letter describing your interest in the position and relevant expertise. A 2 page statement of research interests and experience, a CV, 3 publications/manuscripts, and contact details for 3 referees. Reference letters will be requested for short-listed applicants. Start date flexible, early 2018. Email application material to: Cristine Legare, Department of Psychology legare@austin.utexas.edu Further information about the Cognition, Culture, and Development Laboratory can be found at www.cristinelegare.com and @CCDLab.